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MEMORANDUM FOR: ALL STATE DIRECTORS; ME THROUGH NC

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SUBJECT: WEEKLY BLACK SEA BASS QUOTA REPORT (NO.50)

1998 BLACK SEA BASS REPORT (POUNDS); QUARTER IV

State	Late Entries	Week Ending 12-Dec-98	Period Cumulative Total (to Date)	1998 Quarter IV Quotas	% Landed
ME	0	0	0		
NH	0	0	0		
MA	0	283	68,283		
RI	1,359	9,668	49,712		
CT	40	685	2,417		
NY	(60)	2,664	22,647		
NJ	2,062	10,121	119,248		
DE	0	0	157		
MD	0	1,879	36,126		
VA	807	7,513	92,012		
NC	91	1,760	10,991		
Total	4,299	34,573	401,593	598,043	67.2

Notes:

Numbers in parentheses are negative.

The Federal commercial trip limit is currently 4,000 lbs.

Massachusetts has enacted a 2,000 pound trip limit for vessels that land in that Commonwealth, effective through December 31, 1998.

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